

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
Environmental Education Program
Classroom Program

Have You Seen the State Reptile?
Pre-visit Activity

Wildlife in State Symbols

The major purpose of this activity is for the students to become acquainted with the state symbols.

Generate a hypotheses about the state symbols of Nevada.

Where do they come from?

What do they represent? Natural resources? Cultural heritage?

Split the students up into groups of 3. Ask each group to research a specific symbol for the state of Nevada. Have the students include the following information in their findings:

- The plants or animals the symbols are based on.
- Whether those plants and animals are native, exotic, protected, or non-existent.
- Needs of the plants and animals
- Physical characteristics of plants and animals
- What values they might represent which lead to their use as a state symbol.

Present their findings to the rest of the class.